

CITY'S LOAN QUOTA 77 P. C. ASSUMED NOW

Industrial Organizations Agree
to Take More Than Half
Allotment of Community

Complete quotas voluntarily assumed by the seventeen groups of the Victory Liberty Loan Industrial Organization, announced today by Chairman C. J. Waddell, total \$107,500,000, or fifty-seven per cent of the quota for the entire city. Actual subscriptions obtained by the same groups in the Fourth Loan were \$156,680,500, which was forty-nine per cent of the city quota.

Under the "homerule" plan adopted for the Victory Loan, the industrial organization groups have each selected their own headquarters. The groups are subdivided into 135 trade divisions.

Following is a list of the groups and the quotas assumed:

Iron and steel, \$15,000,000; textiles, \$20,000,000; automobiles, motion pictures, undertakers, \$4,250,000; cigars and tobacco, \$900,000; confectioners, cafes, bakers, meats and grocers, \$5,305,000; grain and flour dealers, paperbox makers and exporters, \$1,400,000; soap, drugs, oil, glass, paint and wallpaper, \$8,800,000; book binders, stationery, paper publishers and advertising, \$4,375,000.

Dental and barber supplies, drugs, instruments and chemicals, \$3,925,000; machinery, \$7,000,000; sport goods, toys and hardware, \$2,750,000; furniture and office equipment, \$2,275,000; shipping, coal and ice dealers, \$12,000,000; leather, hides and shoes, \$6,000,000; commission, dairy, fish and agricultural dealers, \$1,350,000; manufacturers and wholesalers of men's and women's hats, shirtwaists, etc., \$4,470,000; contractors and builders, \$8,000,000.

PATROLMAN MISTAKES COMRADE FOR THIEF

Ridley Park Sergeant Owes
Life to Poor Marksmanship of
Suspected "Burglar"

Police Sergeant James Hardy, of Ridley Park, owes his life to the poor marksmanship of Richard Stewart. When the latter returned to his home last night he found the door locked and started to climb in through a rear window. While thus engaged he was observed by Mrs. W. C. Mann, wife of a nearby druggist. Believing that burglars were taking advantage of the absence of the Stewart family, she telephoned to police headquarters.

Hardly arrived just in time to see a man entering the house. He crept around the house toward the front, intending to ring the bell and then surprise the burglar when he dashed from the place. Stewart had reached his bedroom when he heard the sound of footsteps on the walk beneath the window. He seized his revolver and fired twice at the form below him.

"Hey? This is me," yelled the sergeant. Stewart recognized his voice and explained that he mistook the police officer for a burglar.

"Same here," replied the sergeant, and started back to the station. On the way he passed an undertaking establishment, whose owner stood in the doorway. "How's business?" asked Sergeant Hardy.

"Rotten," replied the undertaker. "It might not have been," said Hardy, and continued on his way as the undertaker looked after him with a puzzled expression.

Fights Theatre Lighting Bill

J. J. Shubert has filed a complaint with the Public Service Commission against the Philadelphia Electric Company, complaining of the alleged unfair and excessive rates being charged for service at the Shubert Theatre, Broad street, near Locust.

'No Vacancy' Signs Greet Home Hunters

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rent. He had some houses for sale, however, which he said were mostly occupied. In reply to a question he stated that the "Own Your Home" movement was "going pretty well" in his section of the city.

One Firm Has a Few

One of the oldest firms in the central section north of Market street was out of the general run, in that it had a few properties to offer for rent. These, however, were small houses, bringing \$8 or \$9 a month—a type of house little in demand at present.

This firm looked on the situation a little more optimistically than did most of the real estate dealers questioned. They thought that there was an indication of a return to normal living and working conditions generally in the larger number of small stores rented of late.

"During the war," explained the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER's informant, "there was a falling off in the number of small stores rented, probably because the men who had kept stores found they could earn more money by getting jobs in the munition factories or shipyards. Evidently they think it will be more profitable now to open up shop again, because we have had a great increase in the demand for store properties."

Prices Extortionate

"The greatest demand for dwelling houses is now and at all times for the house that rents for from \$15 a month up. These houses are extremely scarce. There are many houses for sale, and in our opinion it is still possible to buy a house in Philadelphia without paying an extortionate price for it. Few homes, comparatively, were bought during the war period."

A dealer up Tacoma way said he had nothing to rent. "I only wish I had," he added. He said that there was comparatively little to sell in his neighborhood, either.

For three months a firm on Ridge avenue has not had a single property

on the rent list. "There are some houses for sale," said the dealer, "but it is very difficult to get possession. The real estate men are having a hard time getting tenants to show houses to prospective buyers—and one can't blame them. The real estate man can't force a tenant to show his house, you know, if he does not wish to."

It is my experience that a good many persons are storing their goods and going out of the city, thinking that they will find it easier to get a house in the fall. I am afraid they are going to be disappointed. The few houses that are being put up probably will not be finished by then. Though undoubtedly some of Philadelphia's extra population, brought here by the war, will go to other cities, I believe this will be more than made up by the men returning from the army.

Another old-established south-central realty firm had no houses of any description to rent. They had not even any two-story houses for sale. They are offering one three-story house in West Philadelphia for \$4500.

Real estate men in this city want Governor Sprout to investigate the increase in values and to make a public report on the real estate situation here. A committee has been appointed to urge the Governor to appoint an investigation commission. The action followed a special meeting of the board of directors of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board last night.

The real estate men insist that they are not treating the people unfairly. They think that since Governor Sprout investigated the increased cost of the coal that heats the houses, he should investigate the causes for increased rents which "the people don't understand."

The motion for the appointment of the committee was made by William H. Ball, who has recently been appointed district chairman of the "Own Your Own Home" section, United States Department of Labor. Mr. Ball is also

director of finance of the campaign. Hibberd B. Worrell, president of the Philadelphia real estate board, immediately appointed the following committee: William C. Beukert, J. Harkee Chadwick, Edgar G. Cross, Frank Craven, Edward T. Flood, Frank P. Felton, Samuel M. Gayley, Thomas Shallerross, Jr., and Hibberd B. Worrell.

The Resolution

The following resolution was adopted: "Whereas, There is considerable agitation in the public press regarding the alleged undue increases in rental and selling prices of real estate in Philadelphia,

"Whereas, The Philadelphia Real Estate Board desires an impartial and unbiased investigation of the conditions mentioned in articles in the public press, and

"Whereas, The Philadelphia Real Estate Board views with admiration the speedy and effective investigation

of the coal situation made under the direction of the Governor,

"Therefore be it resolved, That the Philadelphia Real Estate Board, through its committee appointed for that purpose, hereby respectfully request the Governor to appoint a commission to make a thorough investigation of the entire real estate situation in Philadelphia in so far as it affects increased prices, and that the report submitted by this commission be given to the press of Philadelphia for publication."

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